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## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "OVERHEAD PROCESSING METHOD AND SIGNAL PROCESS DEVICE BASED ON THIS METHOD OF THE OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM," the specification of which was filed on December 14, 2004, as application No.PCT/CN2004/001452. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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